

Today's News - April 19, 2005

RFEI for NYC's Governors Island seeks "world's greatest ideas." – "Ephemeral cities" not all they're cracked up to be: architects and planners "would do better to focus on middle-class housing, places for artisanal industry, family-friendly public spaces..." – A U.K. conference explores the battle for suburbia. – Battle looms over resort development of pristine Puerto Rican beachfront: over 1,000 homes, but it will include its own environmental research center (how much more environmentally sensitive can they get?). – A useful checklist in making the case for building green. – Paris to lose an Ando-designed museum: too much red tape. – Manhattan's High Line struts its design stuff at MoMA. – Portland, OR, has two plans to choose from for midtown esplanade. – Sacramento gets an artful park that "delves into the quest for terrestrial paradise, the cosmos and the history of gold." – The Hermitage shows plans for new wing (not all are pleased with Koolhaas as consultant). – A warning to furniture makers: beware of illegal mahogany from Peru. – News flash: architecture school breeds stress. – Hard hat exhibition: Architect/artist teams on show in apartment building under construction in Shanghai. – "Extreme Textiles" at Cooper Hewitt shows extreme designs. – Book review: "Engineering Archie" examines Archibald Leitch, stadium designer.

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[Governors Island Request for Expressions of Interest \(RFEI\): Seeking "World's Greatest Ideas" to make historic 172-acre island in New York Harbor the world's next great public place; deadline: June 20-](#) Governors Island Preservation & Education Corporation (GIPEC)

[The Rise of the Ephemeral City: In affluent parts of the world, a new kind of urban center is taking shape, catering to the nomadic rich and the restless, rootless young. By Joel Kotkin-](#) Metropolis Magazine

[April 26 conference: The Battle for Suburbia: Where is \[Britain's\] suburbia headed? The O.C.? The Good Life? Desperate Housewives? Keeping Up Appearances?-](#) Demos (UK)

[Environmental Battle Looms as Developers Press Plans for Resorts along Puerto Rico's Coast: ...a \\$579 million resort is to have 250 rooms and be built along with up to 1,025 homes -- and will include its own environmental research center... \(AP\)-](#) Environmental News Network

[Making the Case for Green Building: Forty-six benefits described in seven categories... \[images\]-](#) Environmental Building News

[Art museum falls foul of red tape: One of France's richest men is on the brink of ditching plans to build a spectacular contemporary art museum outside Paris \[Francois Pinault Foundation for Contemporary Art\] -- Tadao Ando \[image\]-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Designers Detail an Urban Oasis 30 Feet Up: The construction of an elevated public walkway is in the works for the High Line in Manhattan...will pass through or abut various new buildings... -- Field Operations/Diller, Scofidio + Renfro; Polshek Partnership; Robert A. M. Stern; Frank Gehry-](#) New York Times

[Renovation's a tale of two design teams...set to present their plans for the development of the Midtown Park Blocks...one is more conventional, and the other more experimental. By Randy Gragg -- ZGF Partnership/Laurie Olin/Mayer-Reed/Tad Savinar/Robert Thompson; Robert Murase/SERA Architects/Christian Moeller-](#) The Oregonian

[Art project highlights parkland at state capital: Architect Mitchell De Jarnett and artist Lita Albuquerque collaborated on "Golden State," the largest public arts project in California...that delves into the quest for terrestrial paradise, the cosmos and the history of gold.-](#) Long Beach Press-Telegram (California)

[Hermitage Unveils Plans for New Wing: ...showcased two architectural proposals... -- Carlo Rossi \(19th C.\); Studio 44; OMA/AMO/Rem Koolhaas \[image\]-](#) Moscow Times (Russia)

[Top U.S. Furniture Makers Warned: Illegal Mahogany from Peru Threatens Native People, Amazon Forest-](#) Environmental News Network

[Architecture breeds stress: A "Help — sleep needed" sign decorates the window of one of three first-year architecture studios... -- The Tartan \(Carnegie Mellon Univ.\)](#)

["Interval": Architecture salutes art: An apartment building under construction is the site of a remarkable exhibition \[through May 31\] where artists and architects have collaborated ``under the same roof''... "It's not easy to work with architects" ... -- Wu Zhihao/Lu Hao; Yu Jia/Zhang Hui; Wang Luyan/Wang Jiahao; Wang Hui/He An-](#) English.eastday.com (Shanghai)

[When Textiles Go to Extremes: High-Tech Fibers Are Stretching Concepts of Utility -- and Design. By Linda Hales-](#) Washington Post

[Man who built his place in history: The story of Archibald Leitch, stadium designer...the subject of a wonderful new book, "Engineering Archie"-](#) The Times (UK)

[Discovery and Collaboration = Chemical Reaction: University of Missouri-Columbia Life Sciences Center. By Gregory Blackburn, AIA - Anshen+Allen Architects/BNIM Architects \[images\]-](#) ArchNewsNow

[April '05 Build Business: Generating the Most Profitable Fees. By Eric P. Mott](#)

[-- Daniel Libeskind: Imperial War Museum, Manchester, UK](#)

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